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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Up until recently I was stuck with a single choice from a very apathetic provider, Comcast. Over the 5 years I have lived in this area cost for the service continued to rise and service continued to plummet. AT&T had previously offered DSL service as well as Sonic.net, but the copper had degraded due to AT&T's neglect (they directly told me they would not be repairing things in my area) and Sonic could no longer offer a competitive connection.

About 6 months ago Sonic.net started running fiber in my neighborhood. I was paying 149 dollars a month for a 250Mbps/30Mbps connection from Comcast. With Sonic I am paying 50 dollars a month for a 1000/1000Gbps connection. This has allowed me to have access to more competitive remote jobs as well as a higher quality of service and mutual respect from a company that cares about winning customers through service.

Immediately after Sonic moved into my area, AT&T which had previously withdrawn started running fiber and offering a competitive service. Comcast called and upped the download speeds as well as the upload speeds (while still being 149 dollars a month), something I had asked for again and again over the course of 6 YEARS.

All it took was a single, local competitor to vastly change the landscape of what was available in my area and now all of a sudden every large corporation is interested in competing.

Anything that increases costs for providers to compete for my business would provide significant harm to my and my families ability to work and pay our bills. Finally having a level playing field for providers to compete for my hard earned dollars has been fantastic, and anything that would change that would economically effect my entire area (most of my neighbors have switched to Sonic as well!).

Please don't let large providers buy their way out of competition, If they want my money, let them prove to me they are able to provide a better service than the incumbent. Don't give them the ability to neglect end users by removing competition. What is occurring in our area now is refreshing, seeing american businesses do what they do best, compete for the hard earned dollar of a

renter/homeowner, while providing better service and financial opportunity for the renter/homeowner.

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